

Mighty Midgets Roar April 14 In 100-Lap Main At Gardena Stadium

The mighty midgets will roar for the first time this season when J. C. Agajanian presents a 100-lap USAC National Championship midget auto race, Saturday night, April 14, at Gardena Stadium, 120th St. and Western Ave.

Johnnie Parsons and Troy Ruttman, a pair of Indianapolis winners, are expected to head a field of more than 30 drivers, including a dozen other "600" veterans, for 142 laps of racing in an eight event program.

Among those expected to see action over the speedway quarter-mile dirt oval are such Indianapolis pilots as Tony Bettenhausen, "Shorty" Templeman, Johnny Boyd, Jimmy Reece, Bill Homelier, Rodger Ward, Jimmy Davies, Walt Faulkner, Johnnie Tolan, Danny Oakes, Ed Ellis and Ray Crawford.

Others Listed
Others who'll probably be going for the winner's share of the \$2000 purse against 40 percent of the gate include Earl Motter, Bob Veith, "Bullet" Joe Garson, Dempsey Wilson, Johnny Baldwin, George Amick, Billy Garrett, Dick Reese, Edgar Ender, Hal Minyard, Don Edmonds, Howard Kley, Larry Dunham, Norm Hall and many more.

This will be the first race staged at Gardena under the sanction of the new United States Auto Club, which has taken over from the old American Automobile Association. The season's opener was at Bonelli Stadium in January. Other races were held at Phoenix and Fresno.

Drivers who won races last season were Parsons (two at Gardena), Bettenhausen (one at Gardena and one at San Diego), Garson (Fresno), Motter (Fresno), Reece (Phoenix) and Wilson (Gardena). Templeman won this season at Bonelli.

Starts At 7 P.M.
Besides the 100-lap main event for the 18 fastest cars, the program will consist of a 15-lap semi-main, four 6-lap heat races and a 3-lap trophy dash for the four fastest qualifiers. All starts will be inverted with the fastest cars starting in the rear.

Qualifying will start at 7 p.m. and the trophy dash, the first race on the card, goes at 8:30 p.m.

NHS Spikers Tangle With Culver City

Culver City and North High spikers tangle Thursday in a dual meet at Culver City, with the meet figuring to be close all the way. First event, the shot put, begins at 2:30 p.m.

The Centaurs and Saxons both lack the one or two good stoppers that make an average spike team into a track power. But with Dave Campbell, Roger Shell, Gene Daimler, Jim Powers and Bob Turner going for the North High crew, the locals may pile up enough points to win.

The Saxons are in the weight event, with their main strength coming in the high jump, broad jump and pole vault. Their runners, especially Turner and Bob Walker in the 440, Powers and Campbell in the dashes, and Campbell again in the distance races, have scored consistently in dual meets so far this season.

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Tartar Nine Launches League Play

SAMOHI HERE TUESDAY TO TIFF LOCALS

Still carrying disaster scars from their recent outing at the Pomona Tournament, Tartar baseballers return to their home grounds tomorrow to open Bay League play with Santa Monica in a 3 p.m. encounter.

The Tartars were shocked right out of the next journey last week, 14-2, by Downey, and 7-5, by Redondo. Coach Dave Dana and his club hope for revenge against Redondo when the two crews square off Thursday at Redondo.

After stretching right out to a 5-2 mark at early season, the locals now have lost three straight, two by the margin of a dozen runs. The crisis comes, tomorrow when the Vikes move in to try to knock the THS nine below its 500 perch.

Hanon May Start
Dana probably will nominate Jesse Hanon, slim righthander, for pitching duties tomorrow. If things go right, Tom Mills will be held back for the Redondo game.

Although pitching has seemed to be the big problem on paper, the Tartars choked up good in their last trio of games and committed 18 errors. Seven of the miscues came in the Redondo game. And hitting has slackened off, too, with the entire gang slugging out only one hit in the Seahawk game at Pomona.

Figures Better
Santa Monica figures to be better than the locals, but if they get enough steam behind them the Tartars should slap Redondo Thursday.

Only sure starters tomorrow for the locals will be Catcher Bob Grajeda, Charley Valencia, shortstop, and outfielder Bob Clifford, since Dana promised to do some "shaking up" after the double fiasco at Pomona.



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Saxons Meet El Segundo

Coach Del Nuzum's Saxons, now 0-3 in Pioneer League play, will try for their first win Thursday when they cross bats with El Segundo at El Segundo at 3 p.m.

The locals, graced with some potentially fine performers, have failed to jell because of jittery underclassmen. But Nuzum's club has shown steady improvement along the way.

Ron Anderson, who has had some rocky going so far, will probably get the call on the mound for the Saxons. He has pitched only one win this sea-

son, after some fine seasons at Torrance High. But Anderson's prowess with the bat has been one of the few salvations of the North High nine.

Stan Fittingler will be behind the plate, while other starters include Bob Skinner, first base; Al Bledsoe, second; Ray Grieshaber, third; Ken Simpson, short; and outfielders Don Bolde, Steve Beckett and Ernie Thomson.

El Segundo has been one of the top Pioneer clubs for the past few years.

Little Loop Gets City Aid For Lot

Board members of the North Torrance Little League received an okay from the City Council last week to their request to have city machinery help pave a parking lot at the league's diamond, 190th and Beryl Sts.

The NTLLE officials asked Councilmen to aid them in paving the lot, since 80 tons of asphalt paving was donated for the construction but the league lacked the machinery to complete the job.

Warren Southwest, Inc., of 20000 S. Normandie Ave., donated 80 tons of paving for the project while Contractors Asphalt Sales Co., of 18101 Hawthorne Blvd., contributed the other 80 tons.

City Manager George Stevens and Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins were designated to handle the job.

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Last Week of WHRA Meet Set At Santa Anita

Western Harness Racing Association stages the last full week of its spring season at Santa Anita this week with five stakes, topped by the \$16,000-added California Trot, coming for decision. The 22-day meeting ends with an abbreviated three-day race week on April 12.

The five stakes scheduled for renewal this week include the Golden Poppy Trot tomorrow, the Golden Bear Pace on Wednesday, the Pasadena Pace on Thursday, the San Diego Pace on Friday and the Californian Trot on Saturday.

Vying in the Californian, which will settle the trotting championship of the meeting, will be such stars as Pat Tuceo's Gene Mac, Cyrus Bell's Famous Hanover, George Quill's Tag Me, Harold Large's Popular Perry, S. A. Camp's Butch Hanover and Clyde Fisher's Gayleway.

Stepping-Stone
The \$7500-added San Diego Pace on Friday is the last stepping-stone to the \$15,000-added Californian Pace on closing day and all the west's top side-wheelers are expected to accept the issue. Probable starting field will include Cyrus Bell's Scottish Chief, last year's winner; William Bloodworth's Andiamo; S. A. Camp's Mac Primrose; Bill Lichenmaier's Freeman Hanover; Ray Gillian's King Gaines, and Clark A. Harman's Scotch Den among others.

The \$3000-added Pasadena Pace on Thursday is one of the oldest stake races on the Western Harness program, having been inaugurated in 1946, the first year WHRA operated. Such fleet side-wheelers as Neuman & Boardman's Hi Lo's Bomb, Dr. James Blanchard's Chief Lenawee and Victor & Morris Zeinfeld's Ella Counsel are expected to furnish the contention.

Limited Races
The Golden Poppy Trot tomorrow and the Golden Bear Pace on Wednesday are both limited California-bred horses and will serve to crown the Cal-bred champ at each gait in the 22 class division.

David Carey, Trucker, Solano, Silver Crispin and Model Heir appear to be the class of the Golden Poppy, while such pacers as Toddy Tass, Hal Joy, Buttons and Phill Butler will vie for honors in the Golden Bear.

Quarter Horse Season to Open

Two of quarter horse racing's richest races will highlight the 20-day season which gets underway at Los Alamitos Race Course Friday, April 13, it was announced Saturday by Track President Frank Veselski.

The two races are the \$20,000 Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association Derby April 21 and the \$10,000 added Los Alamitos Invitational Championship May 5 and they top a program of nine stakes events. Minimum purse during Los Alamitos' seventh season of racing will be \$100, Veselski said, with the total stakes and purse distribution amounting to \$216,200.

Almost 500 horses, including the best sprinters in the A-10, already are on hand, including sensational Go Man Go, the 1955 "Horse of the Year."

Go Man Go, trained by Wade Johnson, won nine of his 10 starts last year and is the early favorite to win the 440-yard Derby.

A total of 19 three-year-olds were nominated for the Derby and at least 15 of those are expected to go in the two divisions of the split Derby Trial Stakes on the first Saturday of the meeting, April 14. The Trials, also at 440 yards, will cut the Derby field to 10.

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HEARING ON '56 HUNTING CONTROLS SET FRIDAY BY GAME COMMISSION

Recommendations for 1956 hunting regulations will be heard by the Fish and Game Commission Friday, at 9 a.m., in the State Department of Employment Building, Sacramento. Recommendations to be made by the Department of Fish and Game already have been made public. Other suggestions from organized sportsmen, other groups, and the general public will be heard.

Persons not able to attend the meeting may send their written recommendations to the Fish and Game Commission, 923 J Street, Sacramento, prior to the meeting.

After hearing the suggestions, the Commission will announce its tentative determinations early in May. On May 25 in Los Angeles, the group will hear objections to and discuss some of these determinations and then adopt final orders for the 1956 hunting season.

So that the entire day can be devoted to hunting regulation matters on Friday, the Commission will take up routine monthly business Thursday, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the same building.

with Nevada for taking cut-throat trout eggs at Heenan Lake, Alpine County, and other routine matters.

Following is the proposed trout policy:
"Since the majority of trout caught are the result of natural propagation, everything possible will be done to aid and protect natural production. Assistance will in large part consist of the protection and improvement of habitat, but will also include protection from disease and predators. Research will be carried out as needed to solve management problems.

Not Answered
"Artificial propagation is a useful and important part of trout management and will be used where necessary and helpful. But it is not a universal answer to all fishery problems and will be subject to constant checks to determine the value of results obtained.

"Trout which are 7 1/2 inches long or larger (4 to 6 fish per pound) shall be termed catchable trout. The objective will be to stock catchables of the above size.

ing is relatively expensive, and will be increased above the 1955 level of expenditure only as additional funds for it become available.

50 Per Cent Taken
"Catchable-sized trout shall not be planted unless it is reasonable to expect 50 per cent or more will be taken by anglers. Waters only seasonally suited for trout shall be planted only where the potential fishing pressure is relatively high because of lack of more suitable waters. Even there they shall be planted only if it is reasonable to expect that a fishing pressure is heavy enough to remove at least 50 per cent while water conditions are favorable.

"Catchable-sized trout shall not be stocked in lakes or impoundments where smaller, less expensive fish will sustain satisfactory angling.

"Fingerling trout shall be utilized primarily to stock naturally barren waters; waters where the population has been destroyed; and lakes where they will provide an adequate fishery.

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